



Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron
Rideau Ripples
April 2007



Commander's Comments

The last two years have gone by very quickly, and it is hard for me to believe that my term as Commander is coming to an end. I have been fortunate to have been able to work with such a dedicated team of volunteers that make up the Bridge and the training department.

As I reflect over the past two years I have many fond memories and have had the opportunity to meet many of our members. I would like to thank everyone for their support and all the work they put into making this a great squadron. This is what it takes to carry on the momentum to keep us active and one of the largest squadrons in the country.

I hope that you can attend the Annual General Meeting on April 19 when I will turn the reins over to Gord Abry as your new Commander. Gord has been a member of the bridge for several years and will do a great job at the helm. I will still be very active in the squadron as Past Commander, and will also be moving on to the District Bridge as Admin Officer.

I encourage you all to continue participating in the training courses and fun social events that we offer and of course the most important thing Safe Boating.

Thank you!

Cathie Johnstone, Commander

NEW FROM CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS

Yes New!

For the boater that is tech savvy there is a couple of new publications and seminars that are available, you can check the National Website but this is just a teaser to do so.

So what is new?

Radar for Pleasure Craft

This 130 page manual also comes with a CD for use on your PC which includes a radar simulator with MARPA (for collision avoidance) capability. While many of our boaters do not have radar and do not boat in main shipping areas it is a useful tool, for those who attended the Squadron's Annual Dinner, Jim McLeod's testimony regarding navigating in Fog in the Saguenay Region may tweak your interest in this publication.

Electronic Charting

This is another superb publication and describes itself as a course that takes over where Navigation with GPS leaves off. You learn of the different kinds of electronic charting and their advantages and disadvantages, and of connecting to your GPS and other peripherals.

The publication also comes with a CD which includes over 200 electronic charts and a programme enabling you to display and use them.

Both publications with CD's are a great addition to CPS publications and seminars.

You may wonder how some of this all comes about, I suspect that much of the work on both CD's is largely due to Morton Biback a CPS member who has done monumental work with such material as the GPS and Maritime Radio simulators.

Submitted by member Bill Kerr.



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The 2006 – 2007 Bridge

Squadron Commander

Cdr Cathie Johnstone

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1st Lt Steve Highstead

Assistant Training Officer (Supply)

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P/R/C Jim MacLeod, SN

Auditor

Lt James Dean, S

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Squadron Events Calendar

Tuesday, 3 April - Bridge meeting. At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Thursday, 19 April - Squadron AGM. At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island.

Tuesday, 1 May - Bridge meeting. At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday, 8 May - Information Night, with Kurt Sjolund. Kurt will talk about being adrift in a life raft and the events leading up to it.

Tuesday, 5 June - Bridge meeting. At the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Victoria Island. Informal dinner at 1800 hours, meeting starts at 1900 hours. All welcome to attend.

Thursday, 14 June - Squadron Graduation & Picnic. Details to be announced. Please watch web page.

Fred Cameron, Social Activities Officer

RIPPLES CONTENT

If you have any stories, photos or articles you would like to share with OPSS members in the Rideau Ripples, send your submissions to the [Ripples Editor](#) to be considered for publication.



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SPRING 2007 COURSES

Boating course, Registration on Wednesday, 7 March 2007, course starts Wednesday, 21 March 2007

Navigating with GPS - tentative start date Monday, 12 March 2007

Maritime Radio VHF as follows:
VHF (English), Mondays 19, 26 March, and 2 April 2007

VHF (français), mercredis 2, 9, 16 mai 2007

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Cumberland	Tues	17-Apr-07	24-Apr-07	1-May-07
Manotick	Thurs	12-Apr-07	19-Apr-07	26-Apr-07
Greenboro	Wed	9-May-07	16-May-07	23-May-07
Ruth Dickinson	Tues	15-May-07	22-May-07	29-May-07
Blackburn Hamlet	Thurs	17-May-07	24-May-07	31-May-07

Fees: Adults \$55.00, Students \$45.00.

Fees include course materials, Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (PCOC) examination, and the PCOC card.

Course starts at 18:30 and runs to 20:30. Arrive one half early on the first night to complete registration process.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I have strong feelings about gun control. If there's a gun around, I want to be controlling it. -- *Clint Eastwood*

There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?

Why be difficult when with a bit of effort you can be impossible?

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.-- *Yogi Berra*

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her. -- *Agatha Christie*

People are more violently opposed to fur than leather because it's safer to harass rich women than motorcycle gangs. -- *Anonymous*

TV is chewing gum for the eyes. -- *Frank Lloyd Wright*

Love is like a booger. You keep picking at it until you get it, then once you have it, you wonder what to do with it. -- *Unknown*

I once heard two ladies going on and on about the pains of childbirth and how men don't seem to know what real pain is. I asked if either of them ever got themselves caught in a zipper. -- *Emo Philips*

I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom. -- *General George S. Patton*

Quote of the Day: Be yourself, everyone else is taken.



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It was 1780 and a British man-of-war was sailing along the coast of France. The crow's nest looker hollers out "One man-of-war on the horizon".

The Captain calls the ship to Quarters and tells his steward to go below and bring his red shirt. The steward does as he's asked, the Captain changes to the red shirt and the battle begins.

The British ship wins the battle, the men fought bravely and all was well. The Captain's steward is curious if the red shirt was for luck, so he asked the captain why the red shirt.

The Captain replied that the red shirt was for morale - in case the Captain was wounded, the men would not see the red blood and thus keep their courage during the fight.

A couple of days later, the lookout hollers "Twenty men-of-war on the horizon". The Captain's steward asked the Captain if he wanted his red shirt.

The Captain replied "No - bring me my brown pants".

CPS Annual Conference

Ottawa, 24 - 28 October 2007

E-Mail: [P/Cdr Frank W Keating \(2007@cps-ottawa.com\)](mailto:P/Cdr Frank W Keating (2007@cps-ottawa.com))

Frank W Keating, AP, P/Cdr
Rideau District Chair
2007 National Conference Committee
Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons



Boating Through History
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BOOK REVIEW

WARSHIPS OF THE GREAT LAKES 1754-1834

By Robert Malcomson
ISBN 1 84067 535 7

This book which was first published in the United Kingdom in 2001 was researched and written by Robert Malcomson now a retired Elementary School Teacher from St. Catharines, Ontario and a Naval Historian with several books on that time period to his credit.

The book as the title suggests covers a period of eighty years from 1754 until 1834 and describes the shipbuilding and various engagements of the British, American and French naval forces in their struggle to gain control of the Great Lakes and the strategic route through Lake Champlain to New York.

Robert has thoroughly researched his material bringing to light many facts and figures of the naval endeavours in what was then the North American wilderness. Most naval vessels on the Lakes in that time period are described in some detail, including type, length, width, tonnage, guns, where built, when launched, etc.

What is astonishing is the time, effort, skills and sheer ingenuity to build these vessels, one of the interesting facts that I had never read about was that a number of warships were prefabricated at Chatham Dockyard in England, the parts shipped across the Atlantic and reassembled on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, all this and 700 workers and naval crews to man them.

Among the many vessels mentioned is the the huge warship launched at Kingston on 10th. September 1814, this was a vessel of approximately 2400 tons and carried some 104 guns, this would have been right at home with Nelson's fleet, for the enthusiast there is a superb model of the St. Lawrence in the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa.

For those who interested in Canadian History and especially the naval vessels of that bygone era, I would certainly recommend this superb publication.

The price in the UK was 28 pounds.

Submitted by member Bill Kerr.

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Ottawa Power & Sail Squadron AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron will be held at the Ottawa-Hull Naval Association Mess on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 1900 for the purpose of:

- Receiving and if thought fit, approving the reports of the Officers of the Squadron.
- Receiving and if thought fit, approving the Financial Statements of the Squadron for the previous fiscal year.
- Electing the officers of the Squadron for the coming year.
- Appointing the Squadron Auditor.
- Considering other business as appropriate.

The report of the Squadron Nominating Committee is provided below as part of this notice. Any additional nominations must be made by way of petition, in writing, signed by not less than five members of the Squadron, who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the Squadron Secretary not less than two days prior to the date of this meeting.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2007.

The original signed by Sue Baker (SN)

1st Lt. Sue Baker (SN) - Squadron Secretary

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE OTTAWA POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON

Dated: March 29, 2007

In accordance with Article 9.14 of the Squadron Regulations of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron, the Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Past Commander Don Tanner (N) (Chair), Past Commander Bernard Goulet (S) and Commander Cathie Johnstone, proposes and seconds the nomination of the following members for the office as indicated hereunder for consideration, and if thought fit, for election at the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Power and Sail Squadron to be held on Thursday, April 19, 2007:

Commander	Gordon Abry (AP)	Past Commander	Cathie Johnstone
Executive Officer	Bryan Carroll	Training Officer	Steve Highstead
Treasurer	Michael Crawford	Asst Trg (Adv/Elec)	Dave Omond (N)
Secretary	Susan Baker (SN)	Asst Trg (BoatPRO)	Brian Forward
Membership	Robert Milburn	Asst Trg (Supply)	Monique Vallieres
Ripples Editor	Steve Lortie	Communications	Ken Killingbeck
Regalia Officer	TBA	Social Activities	Fred Cameron (S)
Public Relations	Guy Ladouceur	Mailing	Marjorie Ladouceur



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The Squadron Nominating Committee for 2008 – 2009 will consist of P/C Bernard Goulet (S)(Chair) P/C Cathie Johnstone and Cdr Gordon Abry (AP).

Upon election, the Squadron Commander appoints P/C Don Tanner (N) as the Squadron Auditor and Jim MacLeod (SN) as the Squadron Examiner for the year 2007 - 2008.

Respectfully Submitted

Original Signed by
Don Tanner

Original Signed by
Bernard Goulet

Original Signed by
Cathie Johnstone

Don Tanner (N), P/C
Committee Chair

Bernard Goulet (S), P/C

Cathie Johnstone, Cdr

Version 4.F
Dated February 26, 2006

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS ESCADRILLES CANADIENNES DE PLAISANCE

Rideau District NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the Annual General Meeting of Rideau District will be held at the McIntosh Country Inn Morrisburg, Ontario on Saturday April 28 2007 at 14:30 for the purpose of: a) receiving and if thought fit, approving the reports of the officers of the District; b) receiving and if thought fit approving the Financial Statements of the District for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2007 and the report of the District Auditor thereon; c) electing the Officers of the District; d) appointing the District Auditor; e) considering such further other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The report of the District Nominating Committee is attached to, and forms part of, this notice. Under the District Regulations any further nominations must be made by way of a petition, in writing, signed by not less than 5 members of the District who shall confirm the consent of their nominee to stand for election. The petition must be filed with the District Secretary not less than 2 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 30, 2007. Signed "Steve Testart", District Secretary

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. The District Nominating Committee nominates the following members for election as District Officers for 2007/8.

District Commander D/C
District Executive Officer
District Training Officer
District Administrative Officer
District Secretary

John-Yves Bordeleau (Cornwall)
Linda Hamilton (Ottawa)
Janice Bunge (Oiseau Rock)
Cathie Johnstone (Ottawa)
Steve Testart (Kingston)



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District Treasurer
 District Public Relations Officer
 District Liaison to Parks Canada
 District Membership Officer
 District Marep Officer
 District Environmental Officer
 District Communications Officer
 District Assistant Admin Officer

Don Tanner (Ottawa)
 Kathleen Hopkins (Ottawa)
 Kathleen Hopkins (Ottawa)
 Jack Bell (Oiseau Rock)
 Roger Duchesne (Brockville)
 Hans Von Rosen (Rideau Lakes)
 Joan Feltham (Britannia)
 Marnie McNeely (Kingston)

2. The District Nominating Committee also nominates P/D/C Marilyn Gowan (Cornwall) as District Auditor.

Respectfully Submitted,
 P/D/C Barry Brown Chair D/C John-Yves Bordeleau P/D/C John Boocock

3. The District Nominating Committee for 2007/8 will be P/D/C Barry Brown(chair) the D/C Nominate and John-Yves Bordeleau.

4. Upon Election the D/C appoints Joan Feltham (Ottawa) as USPS District 6 Liaison.

CANADIAN POWER AND SAIL SQUADRONS RIDEAU DISTRICT

36th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE Friday-Saturday April 27-28, 2007

PLACE: McIntosh Country Inn, 12495 County Road 2, Box 1140, Morrisburg, Ontario, K0C 1X0
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 Followed by Hospitality Suite Dundas Room

Saturday: 0930 Coffee - McIntosh Room
 1000 Annual Training Meeting McIntosh Room
 1200 Conference Lunch McIntosh Room
 Speaker TBA
 1430 Annual General Meeting McIntosh Room
 1700 Commander's Reception Dundas Room
 1830 Conference Dinner McIntosh Room

COSTS: Accommodation: \$70.00 per night plus taxes (conference special)
 Meals: Saturday Dinner (Buffet) \$26.00 per person
 Conference Lunch \$12.00 per person

RESERVATIONS:

CONFERENCE MEALS: Please make meal reservations by mailing the tear-off form below. (To be received no later than April 13, 2007)



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ACCOMMODATION: Contact the McIntosh Country Inn by mail (address above), by phone 613-543- 3788, 1-888-229-2850, Fax 613-543-3160 or e-mail: info@mcintoshcountryinn.com.

(As this is a very popular location, rooms will be booked on a first come, first served basis.) The Inn features a whirlpool, sauna, exercise area and an outdoor hot tub.

DRESS: Uniform A or F, Blazer ensemble, or smart casual.

EARLY BIRD DRAW: 2 Dinner Tickets (Drawn from reservation forms received by April 3)

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this completed form with remittance by April 13, 2007 to:

D/Lt/C Linda Hamilton Tel: 613 824-1362
290 Kennedy Lane E. Orleans, ON K1E 3M4

I enclose my cheque payable to Rideau District in the amount of \$_____ to reserve ___ Conference Lunch(es) and/or ___ Conference Dinners. I understand that monies cannot be refunded if I cancel after April 13. I will arrive on April __.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
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Email _____

I will arrive in time for dinner on Friday night. Yes /No

*Dietary Issues? – Please tell us --

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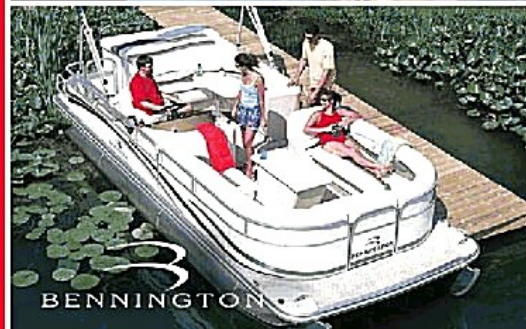
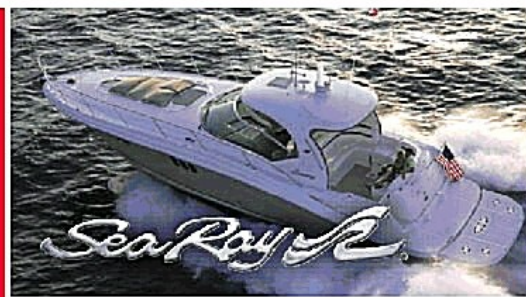
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